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Memorandum

TO : Secretary, OC Equipment Board

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FROM : Chief, Engineering Support Division, OC-E

SUBJECT: Standard Communications Equipment List (SCEL)

RE : Memorandum of Understanding, dated 14 October 1964

1. A problem has developed over the past year regarding sole source procurement actions. Procurement Division, OL is no longer adhering to the reference memorandum of understanding. Procurement Division, responding to pressures from the Audit Staff, FOIA, vendors, etc., will not accept SCEL as sole source justification without additional amplifying comment.

2. A study was undertaken by OC-E in an effort to resolve this problem. Although the study revealed numerous facts, the following are the most significant:

- a. There is only occasional use of the SCEL as sole source justification. A survey of 12 months activity indicated that of 3600 requests, justifications were required for 76 and of these the SCEL was used 16 times.
- b. A consensus of the staffs now using the SCEL is that, in view of its limited use and current procurement pressures, the effort required to review, update and maintain the SCEL is no longer justified.
- c. Procurement Division considers that shortcuts to sole source justification leaves them in an untenable position.

3. In view of the above, it is recommended that the SCEL be discontinued and that the Office of Logistics be advised accordingly.



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